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## LREMC DIRECTORS SAY "NO!" TO SPECIAL MEETING

by Bruce Barton

RED SPRINGS-All twelve members of the Board of Directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation agreed in a special meeting Monday night and announced their findings at a Tuesday afternoon press conference that a petition requesting a special meeting of the members to consider removal of all twelve members of the Board did not meet the requirements of the Corporation's By-Laws.

The reasons for the Board's action were explained by corporation attorney Steven Bernholz and interim general manager Ronnie Hunt.

In brief, the Board determined that the petition was invalid because:

(1) It lumped all twelve directors together in a single petition, although not all of the grounds stated applied, or applied in the same way, to each of them.

In a press release it was noted that the unfairness of lumping all twelve together

could be seen by reviewing the petition. The petition alleges five grounds for cause. Grounds 4 and 5 relate to the Board's action taken at regular meetings of the Board. Ground 4 refers to the Board's November 15, 1982, action with regard to the former General Manager (Derl Hinson). Ground 5 presumably refers to the Board's February 10, 1983, action with regard to a previous petition filed by LREMC Action Group. Both grounds are alleged against all 12 directors, yet four directors voted against the November 15 action and four voted against the February 10 action.

Clearly, the press release noted, a director may not be charged with action of the corporation that he opposed.

Additionally the press release noted that (2) The five grounds alleged to state cause for removal do not in fact state cause or are so vague and nonspecific as to fail to give fair notice of what they charge. Counsel was of the opinion that

the charges did not state cause as a matter of law.

Additionally in the time that the staff has had to verify the hundreds of names on the petition submitted to it, a number of substantial questions have arisen. The petition validation process is difficult, costly and time consuming and must be done according to the law and established Board policy.

The Board expressed concern about the validation of signatures and the signature-gathering process itself, but since the petition did not in other respects meet the requirements of the By-Laws, no further action in the validation process was directed by the Board in view of the general invalidity of the petitions, no further action in the validation process was directed by the Board.

The following ten (10) members were present at the meeting: Elias Rogers, Marcia Lowery, Alton Dudley, Harold

Brewer, Bill Brewington, Gus Bullard, Bradford Oxendine, Timothy Strickland, Ronald Hammonds and Lacy Cummings.

In addition, J.W. Hunt and Davis Parker expressed their concurrence in and support of the Board's action. Mr. Parker dissented as to reason number 2 above for the Board's action but concurred in the result.

Said Ronnie Hunt, "I hope that we can get back to business as usual. This dispute has been costly and distracting," as he appealed to the membership to compromise and resolve their differences.

Hunt added, "As of 8 a.m. in the morning we're going to put our emphasis on running this cooperative. Anything else will have to take second place to that."

Special counsel Barry Nakell was present for the Monday night meeting and recommended that the petition be denied.

### EDDIE KNOX COMING TO PEMBROKE

Eddie Knox, mayor of Charlotte, and recently announced gubernatorial candidate is coming to Pembroke for an appearance in the Pembroke Town Park.

The appearance will be April 26 from 10 a.m. until... Everyone is encouraged to come out and meet Mayor Knox and get a free chicken dinner. The appearance is being organized by the Robeson County Committee for Eddie Knox.

### HELMS FOR SENATE COMMITTEE CONTINUE AD CAMPAIGN

RALEIGH--Today, the Democrats For Helms Committee released its fourth in a series of newspaper and radio ads entitled *The Hunt Record*.

"We are telling the people of North Carolina facts they won't read in the big liberal daily newspapers like the *News and Observer*," said Mark Stephens, Director of the Helms For Senate Committee.

"Every taxpayer should know about Governor Jim Hunt's use of tax dollars and patronage to set up his North Carolina Campaign Fund. He is using taxpayers money to promote himself and to campaign against Jesse Helms."

"Mr. Richardson Preyer, Hunt's PAC Chairman, was paid a state salary of \$66,000 for teaching a few hours a week at the University of North Carolina," stated Stephens. "While a state employee, Preyer, held press conferences attacking Senator Helms. Hunt and Preyer also traveled to New York, Atlanta, and Washington to raise over \$165,000 for the Hunt PAC."

"For \$66,000 per year of taxpayer money, Jim Hunt bought himself a first-rate political chairman. \$66,000 a year is more than most teachers and professors earn--it's not right," Stephens continued.

"We have been very careful in researching and documenting this series of ads. Our latest ad contains 21 footnotes. Look for another of our ads next week," Stephens concluded.

### 17TH AIRBORNE SEEKS TO LOCATE MEMBERS

The 17th Airborne Division Association, composed of men who served as paratroopers and glidermen in the 17th Airborne Division during World War II, is conducting a membership drive to locate all former members. If you served with the Division, please contact Edward Siergie, Secretary-Treasurer, 62 Forty Acre Mountain Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810, for details of the Division Association as well as information about the 30th Annual Reunion which this year will be held at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tenn. on August 11-14, 1983.

### PTA SPONSORS DANCE

There is a dance scheduled at Union Chapel School on Friday night, April 22, 1983 from 7-9 p.m. in the gym. The dance is sponsored by the school's PTA members for students in grades K-8 only. Parents are welcome to assist in supervision.

### CHICKEN AND PLATE SALE

Oxendine Elementary School will have a Bar-Be-Que and Chicken plate sale on Friday April 29 from 11 a.m. until 1983 from 7-9 p.m. in the gym. The dance is sponsored by the school's PTA

### PLAY AT THE SADDLETREE CHURCH OF GOD

The play, "10 Virgins" will be presented at the Saddletree Church of God Sunday, April 24th at 7 p.m. The public is invited. There will be no charge.

### GOSPEL SINGING

There will be a gospel singing April 23, at the Green Grove School. The organization sponsoring the sing is the W.O.W. Cap. 311 of Fairmont. Drawing for a lamp, and food and drinks on sale and also a cake auction will add to the evening of song. Groups in attendance will be the Gospel Singing Quartet, Cherokee Quartet, New Bethel Quartet, the New Bethel Young People, and the Piney Grove Choir. Public is invited.

### LREMC CONSUMER SERVICE GROUP TO MEET

The LREMC Consumer Service Group will meet tonight (Thursday, April 21, 1983) at 7:30 p.m. All concerned are invited to attend.

### TUSCARORA POW WOW MAY 13-15

You are invited to attend the Fourth Annual 1983 Pow Wow, May 13-15, hosted by the Tuscarora Tribe of Drowning Creek Reservation which is located one and 1/2 miles east of Maxton on the Old Red Springs Road.

**Be Counted...  
as part of  
the Great Adventure!  
COUNTDOWN  
TO 5,000**

Every once in a while someone writes me and touches my heart. Note this nice note from Paul Sampson who now lives in Decatur, Illinois.

"Dear Mr. Barton,  
"Enclosed is a check for four 'The Best of As I See It,' one two-year subscription to *The Carolina Indian Voice* and a postage contribution, \$54.00 total.

"Publishing a newspaper is no easy job, but you are doing the seemingly impossible with limited resources. I admire your perseverance, will and courage. Every Indian family needs to proudly read *The Carolina Indian Voice*.  
"Keep on being resourceful and energetic and surely needed support will finally come.

"Sincerely yours,  
Paul Sampson"

Thanks Mr. Sampson. I'm encouraged for at least another ten years.

BRUCE BARTON, EDITOR

- 40. Woodrow Sampson Pembroke, NC
- 41. Earl Deese Rowland, NC
- 42. Trent Barton Detroit, MI
- 43. Rosalynne Strickland Lumberton, NC
- 44. Clifton Locklear Maxton, NC
- 45. Julian Pierce Pembroke, NC
- 46. Jon Miller Durham, NC
- 47. Steve Sampson Hardwick, VT
- 48. Justice Dept. Library Washington, DC
- 49. Stacy Locklear Pembroke, NC
- 50. Gregory Brayboy Fairbanks, Alaska
- 51. Hazel Conley Pembroke, NC
- 52. Tom Leadore Leaverworth, Kansas

"Our goal is 5,000 paid subscribers by December 31, 1983. It's a great adventure. Join us! Call 521-2222 for ways to participate. Ask for Bruce."

## NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN!! PEMBROKE SKATELAND

Pembroke Skateland is one of the newest businesses in Pembroke...the brainchild of Dr. Reginald Oxendine and his wife Peggy.

Dr. Oxendine, until he resigned April 11, headed the Indian Education Act Project in the Lumberton City Schools. His wife, Peggy, teaches second grade in the Fairmont School System. They are the proud parents of two sons--Reggie, 12, and Micah, 7.

Pembroke Skateland is located in a 10,000 square foot facility on Railroad Street that previously housed Pembroke Furniture, and is located next door to Pembroke Community Workshop.

Dr. Oxendine said, "I was just ready for a change. I have been in the field of education for a number of years and this will be a nice sabbatical for me. And I will still be able to remain involved with young people.

"I believe a lot of things I have

learned in the field of education can be implemented in running a good and positive business that caters to the young."

His wife Peggy emphasizes that "we will be closed on Sunday. That's God's day." The Oxendines attend Ashpole Center United Methodist Church.

The Oxendines hope to be open for business tonight and will have their official grand opening Saturday, April 30, with the festivities beginning at 7 p.m.

The business will feature skating, including a snack bar (eventually), video games and a wholesome place for the young people of the area to come to and participate in good, clean fun and games.

Dr. Oxendine notes that an off duty policeman will be on the premises to assure the safety of the children. Other features planned are special nights for the adults, private parties and special rates for church groups.

### Public Meeting: 'Knowing Our Courts- Toward Legal Justice in our Communities'

Robeson County's first public meeting on Court and Law Enforcement Practices will be held on Saturday, April 23. It promises to be an exciting meeting with local, state, and national figures joining together to inspire, educate, and support more citizen involvement in this well-known arena of our county. All concerned citizens are invited to attend.

The Public Meeting, entitled: "Knowing Our Courts - Toward Legal Justice in Our Communities" will feature 8 workshops on legal justice issues. Citizens of all three major races in the county are involved in the planning and leadership of the meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Bethany United Presbyterian Church on the Elizabethtown Road in

Lumberton. The meeting is being sponsored by the newly formed, Robeson County Legal Justice Project - a special project of Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned, the sponsoring organization of the project, was formed in 1980 to join citizens across race, economic, and religious lines to address concerns in the county and find common solutions to these problems. Other projects are also being formed in the areas of employment, education, and family farms.

The Public Meeting will be an important day in which citizens of all races in our county can join together in a common cause with the guidance of the Spirit. Don't miss it!



THE OXENDINES



NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN!!

### Democrats to meet April 30

Bobby Freeman, Chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party, has designated the time and place for the annual Democratic Party Convention--April 30 at 1 p.m. in the Lumberton Senior High School auditorium.

All delegates and members of the Democratic Party are urged to attend.

### MISS LUMBEE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications are now available at the LRDA School of the Arts Building (the Annex Building) for Lumbee girls between the ages of 17 and 26 who are interested in competing in the 1983 Miss Lumbee Pageant.

For more information and applications call 521-2401 and ask for Ms. Pat Jacobs or stop by the School of the Arts building on Highway 711 East in Pembroke. Application deadline is May 13, 1983.

### Spring Up

It's that time of year again. Time to set your clocks up one hour. Daylight Savings Time goes into effect Sunday at 2 a.m. So, before you go to bed, reset the clocks. Although you might lose an hour's sleep, look on the bright side, there's more time to work in the garden, play tennis or get a suntan.